

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     A method for administration of security policies in a computer system,  
2     comprising the steps of:  
3           (a)     displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;  
4           (b)     displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;  
5           (c)     displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and  
6           (d)     dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject  
7     and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of  
8     the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access  
9     to the at least one object under the security policy.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one subject is a user.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one object is data.
- 1           4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least  
2     one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.
- 1           5.     The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a  
2     sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping

3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the at least  
2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the security  
2 policy comprises at least one window.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the graphical representation of the security  
2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 (e) providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at  
3 least one object.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 (e) providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least  
3 one object.

1 11. A computer readable medium with program instructions for administration of  
2 security policies in a computer system, comprising the instructions for:

3 (a) displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;

4 (b) displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;  
5 (c) displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and  
6 (d) dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject  
7 and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of  
8 the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access  
9 to the at least one object under the security policy.

1 12. The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

1 13. The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one object is data.

1 14. The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at  
2 least one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

1 15. The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a  
2 sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping  
3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1 16. The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the at least  
2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1 17. The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2 policy comprises at least one window.

1 18. The medium of claim 17, wherein the graphical representation of the security  
2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1 19. The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:  
2 (e) providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at  
3 least one object.

1 20. The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:  
2 (e) providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least  
3 one object.

1 21. A system, comprising:  
2 a graphical representation of at least one subject;  
3 a graphical representation of at least one object; and  
4 a graphical representation of a security policy, wherein the graphical representation  
5 of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object may be  
6 dragged and dropped into the graphical representation of the security policy, wherein the  
7 dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under  
8 the security policy.

- 1                   22.     The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one subject is a user.
- 1                   23.     The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one object is data.
- 1                   24.     The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least  
2 one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.
- 1                   25.     The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a  
2 sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping  
3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.
- 1                   26.     The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the at least  
2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.
- 1                   27.     The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the security  
2 policy comprises at least one window.
- 1                   28.     The system of claim 27, wherein the graphical representation of the security  
2 policy further comprises at least one label.
- 1                   29.     The system of claim 21, further comprising a tool for viewing attributes of  
2 the at least one subject or the at least one object.

